

Minutes of a Regular meeting of the City Council of
Austin Texas, March 6th 1899.

Hon. Mr. G. McCall Mayor presiding
Roll Called.

Presl. Alderman. Melvin. Brady. Crocker. Fehr. Michael. Hayes.
Horton. Kuhn. Maddox. McFemore. Miller. Morris. Powell. Padd.
Roungrew. Shultz. Sturmfeld. Walker. and Zeller. 19.
Absent. Alderman. Bealy. Groves and Sybillette. 3.

Minutes approved.

On Motion the minutes were approved, as recorded, without reading.

Petitions Memorials etc.

Memorial on the
death of
H. A. Lynn

Alderman. Crocker. offered the following memorial which was
read and unanimously adopted by a rising vote, and the Clerk
directed to furnish a copy of the same to the family of the de-
ceased, also one to his Brother Hon. J. E. Linn State Senator,
"To the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

The death bell has again sounded, this time announcing
the death of H. A. Lynn, at the City of Houston on the 20th of
February last. It is of his official career in this body and
his general reputation as a man that I propose to speak.

Mr. Lynn was elected Alderman from the 5th Ward in Decem-
ber 1887, and qualified as such on the 15th day of same month.
He was four times re-elected Alderman Viz: 1889, 1891, 1893 & 1895,
declining to stand for re-election in 1897. He was elected president
of the Board of Aldermen, December 1st 1889, which position he
continued to hold until he retired from the City Council in December
1897. Thoroughly understanding parliamentary law, he was well
equipped to preside over the deliberations of the City Council when
called to do so. In his capacity as presiding officer, he was neither
friend nor foe, was strictly impartial, and just alike to all,
as his rulings and decisions on all occasions fully attest, and
bear witness.

The records of this Council bear the impress
of his wisdom and legislative ability. He was an adherent to
principle and devoted to friends. Steadfast in his adhesion to
that which he believed to be right; he had intense hatred of cant
and pretense, and was possessed of unbounded loyalty to truth and
honesty, so therefore he was honest in his intercourse with all.

In his private life he was the exemplar of reason, right, truth
justice, liberty, faithfulness, and fidelity. He was a man of
intense individuality and wholly free from mortal chagrin.
He allowed no suppression of his honest convictions, always having
due regard for those of others. He investigated all subjects in
which he became interested and expressed his opinions with the
utmost freedom and sincerity, and standing by his convictions he
maintained them with consummate skill and ability. He was not
the "zealot who shouldest you must go thy way without investigation"
He was enough unlike other jingoes to be like himself. His unusual
responsibility left a true man, regarding nothing that came to him
in due course of a busy and useful life. His passed in

eminent degree that courage, that devotion to principle, that intellectual and moral grandeur that is required to constitute the true noble and upright manly man that he was."

(Dr. Beckley enters)
Alderman Beale entered the Council Chamber.

(Mrs. authorizing) Alderman Wm. L. Lemon offered the following resolution which was read and adopted. Whereas: The Commercial Club of Austin having,

Austin organized what is known as the Austin Auditorium Association Auditorium and, Whereas: This association petitions the City Council for authority to improve to beautify and improve the square known as the City Park City Park, often situated opposite the old Court House on Fourth street; therefore be it

(old Court house) Resolved: That the authority asked for be granted and that the said association is hereby authorized to begin its work of improvement as soon as it sees fit.

(Mrs. authorizing) Alderman Powell offered the following resolution which was read and adopted. Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin Bachman. General permission is hereby granted to the Bachman Foundry and to put in Switch Machine Company to have a switch put into or near their Foundry building located on the south east corner of the old Court House Square, switch to connect with the I & G. RR tracks, and to enter said block at the south west corner.

(Petition of Rosa Della mano) By Alderman Powell. Petition of Rosa Della mano to have ditch on the side walls corner of Lavaca & First street to be filled in. On motion the petition was granted.

(Petition of J. B. Taylor) By Alderman Maddox. Petition of Jno. B. Taylor asking payment for household goods destroyed in 1891 on account of small pox. Read and referred to the Claims and accounts Committee.

(Com. from R. G. West) By Alderman Maddox. A communication from R. G. West Esq., city attorney for Mrs. L. H. Tracy for Miss L. H. Randal asking that the Council allow her the amount of \$1000.00 as damages for land submerged by reason of the building the Dam. On motion the petition was granted.

(Petition of T. S. Fullmore) By Alderman Maddox. Petition of T. S. Fullmore Executor of the estate of C. M. Jackson, Jr. to have certain corrections made in assessment of taxes. On motion the petition was referred to the Claims & accounts Committee.

(Pet. of City officers) The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the City officers for the month of February 1899. Which were on motion referred to their appropriate Committee without reading.

(Assessor and Collector) The following is a synopsis of the Reports:

To Collections as follows.

From General Revenue

" Licenses Tax	\$ 2,776.16
" Fines in Recorder's Court	704.80
" Pound fees & fines	88.90
" Penalties, Interest, Costs (ap' tax)	99.90
	76.99
Total Gen'l. funds	\$ 3,617.68
Interest on fund 14% bonds	1,909.14
" " " Old bonds	183.56
" Interest less	1,621.99

Total Collections	\$ 6,759.57.
Referred to the Finance Committee	
By the City Clerk	
Total amount of warrants issued during the month against the General fund \$ 3,855.61	
Referred to the Finance Committee.	
By the City Treasurer	
General funds etc.	
Balances Feb'y 3 rd 1899.	
ap of General fund	\$ 185.36.
" Int & Sinking fund old bonds	1,848.01.
Receipts ap of Alcalozum tax.	9.726.16.
" " Licenses	704.80.
" " Fines in Recorder's Court	88.95.
" " Miscellaneous.	98.47.
" " Int and Sinking fund old Bonds.	183.56.
	<u>\$ 5,834.61.</u>

Disbursements	
Paid Warrants Feb'y 3/99 to March 11/99.	\$ 9,543.55.
Balances March 11 th	
ap of General fund	1,259.19.
" Int & Sinking fund old bonds.	2,031.57. \$ 6,834.61
Int & Sinking fund M + L bonds.	
Balances Feb'y. 3/99.	
ap of Int fund	8,000.00.
" Sinking "	1,137.26.
Receipts during, the month.	<u>1,909.14.</u>
	<u>11,066.70.</u>
Balances March 11 th 99.	
ap Int fund	9,000.00.
" Sinking fund	1,666.70
Earnings fund.	11,066.70.
Balances on hand Feb'y 1/99.	\$ 548.46.
Receipts during, the month	<u>5,702.46.</u>
	<u>8,950.91.</u>
Disbursements	
Paid Warrants during the month	\$ 3,633.91.
Balances on hand March 1	<u>5317.00.</u>
Referred to Finance Committee	
By the City Marshal	
Total amount of fines assessed in Recorder's Court.	\$ 145.00.
Paid in Cash	\$ 1.00
Held in cash	118.00
Carried forward	16.00
Collected on back fines	1.00
Paid fines collected during the year	14.90.
Total number of arrests during the year	26.
Referred to Police Department	

Motions

By the City Physician

Number of patients in Hospital, Feb'y 1/99	27.
" " " admitted in "	16.
" " " Dismissed "	11.
" " " Died "	2.
" " " remaining " 1899	30.
" Wnts to Gasworks Feb'y	190.
" Prescriptions "	295.

Referred to Hospital Committee

By the City Sexton

Total number of deaths Feb'y	21.
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Male	16
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Female	5
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Referred to Cemetery Committee.

Atd' Shatto & C. Motion Alderman Shatto was excused from further attendance at this session of the Council

Unfinished Business.

On Apr' 11th, 1899
Bridg. Colln. Ch't
of Streets
Passed
and aff'd 1899
Bridge Co. 6th &
Mews St. read & layd
Laid on Table
Report of the Com'
selected without reading
to the Committee
Under charter
1st Monday in April
spoke for until
March 16th.

The mayor laid before the Council an Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1000⁰⁰ to build a bridge at the corner of Congress Avenue and 2^d Street. The Ordinance was read the 9th time & passed, under Suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yays. Aldermen. Brady, Belvin, Brady, Crook, Fisher, Shorten, Shatto, Maddox, McLean, Miller, Morris, Powell, Redd, Rosengren, Steenfitt and Teller. 18.

Nays. Alderman, Shatto.

The mayor then laid before the Council an Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1600⁰⁰ to build a bridge at the crossing of Mews & 6th Streets. The Ordinance was read a second time and on motion of Alderman Powell, was laid on the table subject to call.

New Business

Report of the Water & Light Committee which was referred without reading to the Water & Light Committee.

By Alderman. Belvin, An Ordinance ordering an election for City officers to be held on the first Monday in April 1899, as provided for in the New Charter. The Ordinance was read first time and, on motion of the Committee was postponed until the next meeting of the Council to be held March 20th 1899, by the following vote:

Yays. Aldermen. Brady, Brady, Crook, Fisher, Shorten, Shatto, Maddox, McLean, Miller, Morris, Powell, Redd, Rosengren, Steenfitt & Teller. 16.
Nays. Alderman. Belvin, Hayes & Walker. 3.

Alderman. Fisher for a majority of the Water & Light Committee, sent a communication suggesting certain action, relating to the erection of an unwilling steam plant in connection with our Shatto & Powers plant. A motion to adopt the suggestion made was lost by the following vote:
Yays. Aldermen. Brady, Hayes, McLean, Miller, Powell, Redd, Teller. 17
Nays. Brady, Belvin, Brady, Crook, Fisher, Shorten, Shatto, Steenfitt.

Morris, Rosengren, Stumpf and Walker.

12.

By Alderman Redd. An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$350⁰⁰ to repair Bridge across Herring Branch in Fairview Park, South Austin. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote:

Yea. Alderman. Beatty. Brady. Crook. Haynes. Horton. Huber. McLemore
Miller. Morris. Powell. Redd. Rosengren. Stumpf. Walker & Zeller. 15.

Nays. Alderman. Belvin. Fehl. Fischer. and Maddox. 16.

Alderman McLemore for the special Committee appointed to confer with the owners of land in regard to certain corrections, asked for further time. On motion the request was granted.

By Alderman ^{Fischer}. An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$900⁰⁰ for extra street labor & teams.

The Ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote:
Yea. Alderman. Beatty. Belvin. Brady. Crook. Fehl. Fischer. Haynes.
Horton. Huber. McLemore. Miller. Morris. Powell. Redd. Rosengren.
Stumpf. Walker. and Zeller. 18.

Nays. None.

On motion Alderman Miller & Morris were excused from further attendance at this session of the Council.

By Alderman Morris. An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$935⁰⁰ to pay approved accounts. The Ordinance was read the first time and a motion made to suspend the rule & place the Ordinance on its second reading. which motion prevailed by the following Vote:

Yea. Alderman. Beatty. Belvin. Brady. Crook. Fehl. Fischer.
Haynes. Horton. Huber. Maddox. McLemore. Powell. Redd. Rosengren.
Stumpf. Walker and Zeller. 17.

Nays. None.

The Ordinance was read the second time. Alderman Maddox moved to amend the Ordinance by adding to pay Mrs. Laura H. Randolph for submerged land \$925⁰⁰ which motion prevailed and the Submerged land Ordinance as amended was passed under suspension of the rule by the following Vote:

Yea. Alderman. Beatty. Belvin. Brady. Crook. Fehl. Fischer. Haynes.
Horton. Huber. Maddox. McLemore. Powell. Redd. Rosengren. Stumpf.
Walker and Zeller. 17.

Nays. None.

On motion the Council adjourned

Geo. Johnson
City Clerk.